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Embarking on its third decade, RWU Law can proudly look back on a legacy of outstanding scholarship, accomplished alumni, and profound impact on legal culture and communities in need throughout the state and region. It is both a profound achievement and an ongoing legacy – fulfilling the promise of the school’s founding mission.

Over the past two decades, RWU Law has become a Rhode Island institution, a “go-to” source of legal expertise – for the public, including our neediest, most underserved populations; for the bench and bar; for business, political and community leaders; and for local and national news media, which frequently cite our faculty and alumni on a wide range of vital current issues.

Hailing from the nation’s top law schools, our faculty offers a wealth of hands-on experience in virtually every area of the law. Prominent judges and attorneys teach here as adjuncts, mentor our students, and hire our alumni. Nationally known legal experts lecture at our podiums, both as permanent faculty and as distinguished guests. Each year, the Rhode Island Supreme Court presides over final arguments in our internal moot court competition.

Students enjoy exciting experiential-learning opportunities and diverse professional placements. Upon graduation they historically turn in strong bar exam performances, beating the overall average in key states. Attending Rhode Island’s only law school also gains them unparalleled access to the state’s most sought-after judicial internships, and the undivided attention of a state bar that functions, in many ways, as a de facto extension of our fast-growing alumni base.